



Middle Class and Middle Income: Impact on Economic Growth, Food Consumption, and Globalization

**Co-sponsored by:
Economic Research Service, USDA
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**January 14th, 2002
World Bank, Building J
701 18th St. NW, Room JB1080
Washington, DC**

**8:30-9:00 - Registration and
Continental Breakfast**

**9:00-9:45 - Welcome and
Introduction**

**Introductory Remarks—the ERS
Perspective:** Neil Conklin,
Economic Research Service (ERS)

The World Bank Perspective:
Robert Thompson, The World Bank,
Rural Development Department

9:45-10:00 - Coffee Break

**10:00-11:30 - The Middle Class,
Poverty, and Economic Growth**

Determinants and Consequences of
Economic Growth in Developing
Countries: Peter Timmer, University
of California at San Diego

The Middle Class, Income Insecurity,
and Economic Growth: Matthew
Shane, ERS; Shirley Pryor, ERS; and
Terry Roe, University of Minnesota

**11:30-1:00 - Lunch
Effect of Growth Strategies on
Income Distribution
Speaker:** To Be Announced

**1:00-2:45 - Income Distribution and
Food Consumption**

Changing Diets in Asia and
Implications for Diet-Related Chronic
Disease: Lawrence Haddad, IFPRI

Growth of Supermarkets and Fast
Food in Latin America: Implications
for Food Consumption and Rural
Incomes: Tom Reardon, Michigan
State University

Income Distribution and Food
Consumption: Evidence from the
1996 International Comparison
Project: Anita Regmi, ERS

2:45-3:00 - Coffee Break

3:00-4:30 - Globalization and the Middle Class

Frustrated Achievers: Winners, Losers, and Subject Well-Being in New Market Economies: Carol Graham, Brookings Institution

Income Growth, Factor Endowments, and Trade Openness: Antonio Spilimbergo, International Monetary Fund

4:30-5:30 - Wrap-Up/Review of the Issues

Panel: World Bank and USDA

Symposium Objectives

The Economic Research Service is undertaking a program of research to investigate the relationships among income growth, the emergence of a middle class, and food consumption. With this we hope to determine likely changes in food consumption and the impact on agricultural and food trade.

With this symposium we are seeking answers to the following questions:

- ◆ What is the middle class, how do we measure it, and why is it important?
- ◆ What is the relationship among economic growth, poverty, and income distribution?
- ◆ Are there development strategies that favor middle class growth?
- ◆ How does middle class growth affect food consumption patterns?
- ◆ What is the impact of middle class growth on import demand?
- ◆ Is trade good for growth?
- ◆ Who are the winners and losers from globalization?

The Economic Research Service, the Farm Foundation, and the World Bank welcome you to a symposium

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